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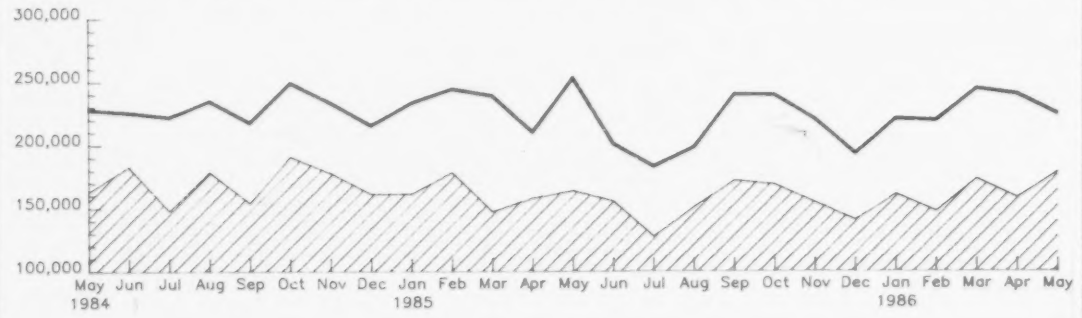
RUBBER CONSUMPTION MONTHLY REPORT

RMA 2
MAY 1986

This report was compiled by the Rubber Manufacturers Association (RMA) and presents a monthly analysis of production, imports, exports, stocks, and apparent consumption of both natural and synthetic rubber. The procedures used by Management Information Services (MIS) of RMA to compile the data are reviewed annually by the RMA Rubber Statistical Committee which is made up of rubber industry representatives. The categories were selected to conform with the Standard Industrial Classifications (SIC) codes assigned by the the United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census and are so annotated.

Total consumption for May 1986 is down −11.4% from May 1985, and synthetic consumption is up +9.09%. Please note that 1985 Natural Rubber Apparent Consumption figures include INRO Stocks of 16,952 metric tons for the year. 71.5% of all rubber consumed in 1985 was synthetic, of which almost half was SBR, as shown in the charts below.

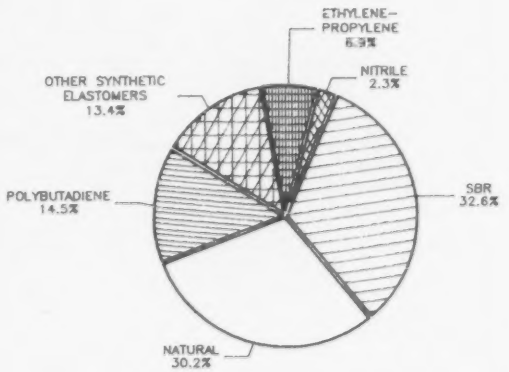
MONTHLY TOTAL RUBBER CONSUMPTION — NATURAL & SYNTHETIC



Total New Rubber
Synthetic Rubber

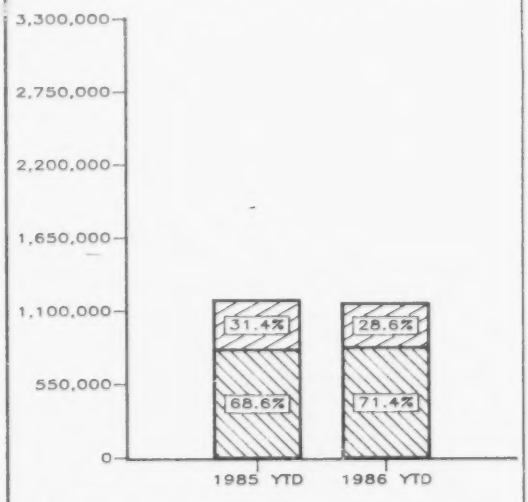
NOTE: NATURAL RUBBER CONSUMPTION IS THE VERTICAL DISTANCE BETWEEN THE CURVES
(Figures in Metric Tons)

1985 RUBBER CONSUMPTION BY TYPE



NOTE: POLYCHLOROPRENE IS INCLUDED IN OTHER CATEGORY

YTD CONSUMPTION OF NEW RUBBER 1985 – 1986



(Figures in Metric Tons)

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RMA INDUSTRY RUBBER REPORT
(FIGURES ARE EXPRESSED IN METRIC TONS)

ISSUED: 23 June 1986

U.S. SIC CODE		May 1986	May 1985	% CHANGE YEARLY	April 1986	% CHANGE MONTHLY	CUMULATIVE 1986	CUMULATIVE 1985	% Change 86 vs 85
	TOTAL NEW RUBBER								
	Beginning Stocks	501,542	508,827 R	-1.43	498,066	.70			
	New Rubber Available	247,369	272,138 R	-9.10	284,368	-13.01	1,341,010	1,358,109	-1.26
	Imports	74,043	114,507	-35.34	105,803	-30.02	468,693	502,022	-6.64
	Exports	29,907	34,492	-13.29	41,393	-27.75	162,195	155,355	4.40
	Apparent Consumption	223,905	252,570 R	-11.35	239,498	-6.51	1,151,791	1,177,608	-2.19
	Ending Stocks	495,099	493,903 R	.24	501,542	-1.28			
	TOTAL NATURAL RUBBER								
	Beginning Stocks	98,582	101,904	-3.26	100,420	-1.83			
08490 11	Imports	48,404	86,017	-43.73	84,451	-42.68	350,928	386,082	-9.11
+	Exports	2,902	3,021	-3.94	4,346	-33.23	17,537	16,453	6.59
08490 13	Stock Pile Deliveries								
	Apparent Consumption *	45,456	88,996	-48.92	81,942	-44.53	329,929	370,039	-10.84
	% Total New Rubber	20.30	35.23		34.21		28.64	31.42	
	Ending Stocks	98,628	95,904	2.84	98,583	.05			
08490 11	NATURAL RUBBER DRY								
	Beginning Stocks	92,977	93,778	-.85	94,464	-1.57			
	Imports	43,619	82,547	-47.16	78,011	-44.09	319,491	361,093	-11.52
	Exports	2,074	2,605	-20.38	3,827	-45.81	14,305	13,577	5.36
	Stock Pile Deliveries								
	Apparent Consumption	40,212	84,899	-52.64	75,671	-46.86	301,012	346,232	-13.06
	Ending Stocks	94,310	88,821	6.18	92,977	1.43			
08490 13	NATURAL RUBBER LATEX								
	Beginning Stocks	5,605	8,127	-31.03	5,956	-5.89			
	Imports	4,785	3,470	37.90	6,440	-25.70	31,437	24,989	25.80
	Exports	828	416	99.04	519	59.54	3,232	2,876	12.38
	Stock Pile Deliveries								
	Apparent Consumption	5,244	4,098	27.96	6,272	-16.39	28,917	23,807	21.46
	Ending Stocks	4,318	7,083	-39.04	5,605	-22.96			
	TOTAL SYNTHETIC RUBBER								
	Beginning Stocks	402,959	406,922 R	-.97	397,646	1.34			
	Production	173,326	157,631	9.96	178,565	-2.93	872,317	856,087	1.90
	Imports	25,639	28,490	-10.01	21,352	20.08	117,765	115,940	1.57
	Exports	27,005	31,471	-14.19	37,047	-27.11	144,658	138,902	4.14
	Apparent Consumption	178,448	163,573 R	9.09	157,556	13.26	821,852	807,568	1.77
	% Total New Rubber	79.69	64.76		65.78		71.35	68.57	
	Ending Stocks	396,471	397,999 R	-.38	402,960	-1.61			
	TOTAL SBR								
	Beginning Stocks	106,325	127,067	-16.32	102,609	3.62			
28220 11 +	Production	67,578	67,009	.85	72,650	-6.98	348,683	367,984	-5.25
28220 12	Imports	9,257	10,014	-7.56	7,896	17.24	46,461	38,364	21.11
	Exports	8,855	6,078	45.69	9,271	-4.49	39,571	35,365	11.89
	Apparent Consumption	66,895	72,982	-8.34	67,558	-.98	348,274	366,547	-4.99
	Ending Stocks	107,410	125,030	-14.09	106,326	1.02			
28220 11	SBR Dry								
	Beginning Stocks	97,147	118,257	-17.85	93,528	3.87			
	Production	59,006	58,891	.20	63,837	-7.57	305,525	321,591	-5.00
	Imports	7,344	7,991	-8.10	6,043	21.53	35,555	29,028	22.49
	Exports	6,372	3,641	75.01	7,154	-10.93	29,495	25,543	15.47
	Apparent Consumption	58,982	64,565	-8.65	59,106	-.21	303,281	319,552	-5.09
	Ending Stocks	98,143	116,933	-16.07	97,148	1.02			
28220 12	SBR Latex								
	Beginning Stocks	9,178	8,809	4.19	9,081	1.07			
	Production	8,572	8,118	5.59	8,813	-2.73	43,158	46,393	-6.97
	Imports	1,913	2,023	-5.44	1,853	3.24	10,906	9,336	16.82
	Exports	2,483	2,437	1.89	2,117	17.29	10,076	9,822	2.59
	Apparent Consumption	7,913	8,416	-5.98	8,452	-6.38	44,993	46,995	-4.26
	Ending Stocks	9,267	8,097	14.45	9,178	.97			

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	TOTAL NITRILE								
	Beginning Stocks	13,191	17,128	-22.99	13,431	-1.79			
28220 41 +	Production	6,483	4,952	30.92	5,268	23.06	26,784	26,495	1.09
28220 42	Imports	1,175	1,046	12.33	976	20.39	5,007	5,695	-12.08
	Exports	1,088	496	119.35	676	60.95	4,273	2,970	43.87
	Apparent Consumption	5,245	5,636	-6.94	5,808	-9.69	26,896	27,136	-.88
	Ending Stocks	14,516	16,994	-14.58	13,191	10.04			
28220 50	POLYBUTADIENE								
	Beginning Stocks	40,794	25,149	62.21	38,945	4.75			
	Production	27,355	30,472	-10.23	29,167	-6.21	149,971	150,393	-.28
	Imports	5,843	7,934	-26.35	4,419	32.22	24,188	30,354	-20.31
	Exports	1,129	2,592	-56.44	2,614	-56.81	9,607	10,515	-8.64
	Apparent Consumption	31,513	29,170	8.03	29,123	8,21	151,148	165,827	-8.85
	Ending Stocks	41,350	31,793	30.06	40,794	1.36			
28220 57	ETHYLENE-PROPYLENE								
	Beginning Stocks	43,731	47,761	-8.44	40,910	6.90			
	Production	21,670	21,632	.18	20,985	3.26	98,592	99,800	-1.21
	Imports	271	118	129.66	508	-46.65	1,782	447	298.66
	Exports	3,558	3,413	4.25	4,557	-21.92	19,449	13,500	44.07
	Apparent Consumption	17,173	17,582	-2.33	14,115	21.66	79,841	81,993	-2.62
	Ending Stocks	44,941	48,516	-7.37	43,731	2.77			
	BUTYL, POLYCHLOROPRENE, POLYISOPRENE, SILICONE, AND OTHER SYNTHETIC ELASTOMERS								
28220 45 +	Beginning Stocks	198,918	189,817 R	4.79	201,751	-1.40			
28220 60 +	Production	50,240	33,566 R	49.67	50,494	-.50	248,288	211,416	17.44
28220 72	Imports	9,093	9,378 R	-3.03	7,553	20.38	40,327	41,080	-1.83
	Exports	12,375	18,892 R	-34.49	19,929	-37.90	71,758	76,552	-6.26
	Apparent Consumption	57,621	38,203 R	50.82	40,951	40.70	215,705	166,066	29.89
	Ending Stocks	188,255	175,666 R	7.16	198,918	-5.36			
Included in 28220 45	Butyl								
	Imports	6,682	5,641	18.45	5,228	27.81	27,924	25,750	8.44
	Exports	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Included in 28220 45	Polyisoprene								
	Imports	333	768	-56.64	427	-22.01	2,327	3,922	-40.67
	Exports	325	292	11.30	356	-8.71	1,832	1,146	59.86
Included in 28220 45	Polychloroprene								
	Imports	317	350	-9.43	286	10.84	1,332	1,506	26.14
	Exports	3,411	6,566	-48.05	4,339	-21.39	20,788	20,663	.60
	IMPORTS OF								
	GUTTA BALATA	-	-	-	-	-	-	142	-100.00
	GUTTA PERCHA	266	444	-40.09	326	-18.40	1,990	1,133	75.64
	JELUTONG	162	79	105.06	121	33.88	484	319	51.72

* Latest figures available to RMA indicate INRO Stocks included in Natural Rubber Consumption figures to be 16,952 for the year 1985, and 751 for 1986 as of March.

RUBBER MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION INDUSTRY RUBBER REPORT

This report relies upon a panel composed of approximately seventy-five (75) companies. The monthly consumption data reported by these companies is combined with data from the RMA 7 "Synthetic Rubber Producers Report", RMA 200 "Importers Shipments of Natural Rubber Latex Report", and RMA 201 "Natural Rubber Dealers Shipments Report". It is the feeling of the RMA Rubber Statistical Committee that this manner of data collection represents a valid sampling for statistical purposes.

The report presents the following categories for selected rubber types:

BEGINNING STOCKS: Figures are as reported to RMA with only the Butyl, Polyisoprene, Silicone, and Other Synthetic Elastomers containing an estimate based upon the US Government's MA30A annual report. Beginning stock figures may differ from prior month closing stocks due to inventory adjustments.

PRODUCTION: Figures are as reported to RMA with only the Butyl, Polyisoprene, Silicone, and Other Synthetic Elastomers containing an estimate based upon the US Government's MA30A annual report.

IMPORTS: RMA import figures are based upon Tariff Schedules of the United States Annotated (TSUSA) numbers:

Natural Rubber Dry data monitored by RMA are TSUSA Numbers: 446.0544, 446.0548, 446.0552, 446.0556, 446.0560, 446.0564, 446.0568, 446.0572, 446.0576, 446.0580 and 446.0584. The Natural Rubber Latex TSUSA Number monitored by RMA is 446.0540 with Gutta balata, Gutta-percha, and Jelutong or pontianak derived from TSUSA Numbers 446.0510, 446.0520 and 446.0530.

RMA natural rubber import numbers do not contain TSUSA Numbers: 446.1000 (Natural rubber containing filler, etc.) and 446.1200 (Chlorinated natural rubber).

Synthetic Rubber TSUSA Numbers monitored by RMA are: 446.1539, 446.1571, 446.1576 and 446.1597 (SBR Dry); 446.1535 (SBR Latex); 446.1516 (Polybutadiene); 446.1506 (Butyl); 446.1511 (Nitrile); 446.1531 (Polyisoprene); 446.1526 (Ethylene-propylene); 446.1521 (Polychloroprene); and 446.1533 and 446.1557 (Elastomers).

RMA synthetic rubber import numbers do not contain the following TSUSA Numbers: 446.1544 (Styrene-butadiene containing over 50% styrene); 446.1580 (Silicone); 446.2000 (Reclaimed rubber of all kinds); and 446.3000 (Mixtures of any of the foregoing).

EXPORTS: RMA export figures are based upon the following United States Schedule B Numbers:

Natural Rubber (Dry) export number is 446.0515 and 446.0505 for Natural Rubber (Latex). RMA natural rubber export numbers do not contain Schedule B Numbers 446.1000 and 446.1200.

Synthetic rubber export Schedule B Numbers monitored by RMA are as follows: 446.1541, 446.1571, and 446.1576 (SBR Dry); 446.1536 (SBR Latex); 446.1516 (Polybutadiene); 446.1506 (Butyl); 446.1511 (Nitrile); 446.1531 (Polyisoprene); 446.1526 (Ethylene-propylene); 446.1521 (Polychloroprene); and 446.1547 and 446.1561 (Elastomers).

RMA synthetic rubber export numbers do not contain Schedule B Numbers 446.2000 (Reclaimed) and 446.3000 (Mixtures).

APPARENT CONSUMPTION: Figures are calculated by RMA by adding Beginning Stocks to Production and Imports, and subtracting Exports and Ending Stocks. The consumption figures for natural rubber contains International Natural Rubber Organization (INRO) stock purchases, since the amounts are not disclosed for ninety (90) days. The latest available stock figure is presented for your use should you wish to subtract it from the apparent consumption figure shown.

ENDING STOCKS: Figures are as reported to RMA with only the Butyl, Polyisoprene, Silicone, and Other Synthetic Elastomers containing an estimate based upon the US Government's MA30A annual report.

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